

Hedgelawn
U.S. Route 301
Middletown vicinity
New Castle County
Delaware

HABS No. DE-189

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

STATE Delaware	COUNTY New Castle	TOWN OR VICINITY Middletown Vicinity
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Hedgelawn		HABS NO. DE-189
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) South side U.S. Route 301, approximately 1.5 miles west of its intersection with State Route 896 and State Route 71 in Middletown		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1856	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Built for William P. Cochran, a peach farmer, in 1856, this house represents the prosperity of the peach farming industry in this area. Also in 1856, the Delaware Railroad was completed, enabling ready access to markets. Like other peach growers' houses, this is a combination of Italianate, Greek Revival, and other styles.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Wood frame with clapboard siding		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Approximately 50' (five-bay front) x 33', rear wing 36'x10', L-shaped, three stories		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Corner pilasters, flat roof, denticulated cornice, doorway with transom window and sidelight one-story porch across front with denticulated cornice, paneled box columns, some lattice; similar screened porch on west side		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Center-hall plan; plaster cornice and ceiling medallion in living room; wood panels under windows; white marble fireplace in parlor, black marble fireplaces in living and dining rooms.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES The porches were originally open; rear one has been enclosed and converted to workers' dining room		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE residence		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Wrought iron fence across front; outbuildings include privy, smokehouse, tool shop, formerly housing a forge, carriagehouse, granary, and horse and milk barn.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register Nomination, listed 1973. John P. White, HABS Project Supervisor, draft description, 1975.		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Alison K. Hoagland, Historic American Buildings Survey		DATE January 1983

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